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to get work.

In 1850, he left England with his family. They arrived at Council Bluffs, where they remained two years where they prepared to cross the plains. They came with a yoke of cows and an ox. After an uneventful journey west, he arrived at Provo in 1852. From Provo, they moved to Palmyra, then to Spanish Fork. The Walker Indian War broke out in the summer of 1853, so the residents of Spanish Fork had to build a fort to live in for protection.

During 1854 to 1856, the grasshoppers destroyed their crops. Food was so scarce they lived on roots and what little grain they could gleam from the fields. John threshed the grain with a stick and carried the wheat on his back to Springville to have it ground into flour. The Indians also did much pillaging and burning of the small set-

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In the spring of 1859, John went to Heber valley with the first settlers to put in his crops, leaving his family in Spanish Fork. His food supply gave out, so he left for Spanish Fork to get more. Provo River was very high and while crossing he slipped off his horse and was kicked in his chest while the horse was struggling to get out. John clung to a bush until help chanced along and helped him out. He had a hard time getting home.

On July 24, 1859, John moved his family to Heber. It rained very hard while they were coming through the canyon, damaging their flour and supplies badly. John died on Sept. 16, 1859, from his chest hurts, being the first man to die and be buried

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INDIAN PEACE TREATY INFORMANTS:

<u>Elizabeth Carroll Reese</u> told Dr. Green that Almon Clegg moved the home of John McNelly Carroll to 363 West 200 South, Heber, Utah.

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Almon G. Clegg said yes to above and added that the original John M Carroll home was two stories and built of logs and they moved it in about 1936 in 2 sections to present Almon G. Clegg homesite.

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Wilson Young lived in the George William Carroll home with his parents and Welby was born there. Then it had a 2-story (front part) before it was moved to Almon Clegg lot.

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